

## FRI

- The mind *frights* itself with any thing reflected on in grofs, and at a distance: things thus offered to the mind, carry the shew of nothing but difficulty. *Locke.*
- Whence glaring oft with many a broaden'd orb,  
He *frights* the nations. *Thomson's Autumn.*
- FRIGHT.** *n. f.* [from the verb.] A sudden terror.  
You, if your goodness does not plead my cause,  
May think I broke all hospitable laws,  
To bear you from your palace-yard by might, *Dryden.*  
And put your noble person in a *fright*.
- TO FRIGHTEN.** *v. a.* To terrify; to flock with dread.  
The rugged bear's, or spotted lynx's brood,  
*Frighten* the valleys and infect the wood. *Prior.*
- FRIGHTFUL.** *adj.* [from *fright*.] Terrible; dreadful; full of terror.  
Tetchy and wayward was thy infancy,  
Thy schooldays *frightful*, desolate, wild, and furious. *Shak.*  
Without aid you durst not undertake  
This *frightful* passage o'er the Stygian lake. *Dryden's Æn.*
- FRIGHTFULLY.** *adv.* [from *frightful*.] Dreadfully; horribly.  
This will make a prodigious mass of water, and looks *frightfully* to the imagination; 'tis huge and great. *Burnet.*
- FRIGHTFULNESS.** *n. f.* [from *frightful*.] The power of impressing terror.  
Cold; without warmth. In this sense it is seldom used but in science.  
In the torrid zone the heat would have been intolerable, and in the *frigid* zones the cold would have destroyed both animals and vegetables. *Cheyne's Phil. Princ.*
- FRIGID.** *adj.* [from *frigidus*, Latin.] Without warmth of affection.  
Impotent; without warmth of body.  
Dull; without fire of fancy.  
If justice Phillip's cottage head  
Some *frigid* rhymes disburles,  
They shall like Persian tales be read,  
And glad both babes and nurles. *Swift.*
- FRIGIDITY.** *n. f.* [from *frigiditas*, Latin.] Coldness; want of warmth.  
Dulness; want of intellectual fire.  
Driving at these as at the highest elegancies, which are but the *frigidities* of wit. *Brown's Vulgar Errors, b. i. c. 9.*  
Of the two extremes, one would sooner pardon phrenzy than *frigiditas*. *Pope's Preface to the Iliad.*
- FRIGIDLY.** *adv.* [from *frigid*.] Coldly; dully; without affection.  
**FRIGIDNESS.** *n. f.* [from *frigid*.] Coldness; dulness; want of affection.  
**FRIGORIFICK.** *adj.* [from *frigorificus*, *frigus* and *facio*, Lat.] Causing cold. A word used in science.  
*Frigorific* atoms or particles mean those nitrous salts which float in the air in cold weather, and occasion freezing. *Quincy.*
- TO FRILL.** *v. a.* [from *frilleux*, French.] To quake or shiver with cold. Used of a hawk; as, the hawk *frills*. *Dict.*
- FRINGE.** *n. f.* [from *friggs*, Italian; *frange*, French.] Ornamental appendages added to dress or furniture.  
Those offices and dignities were but the facings or *fringes* of his greatness.  
The golden *fringe* ev'n set the ground on flame,  
And drew a precious trail. *Dryden's Flower and Leaf.*  
The shadows of all bodies, in this light, were bordered with three parallel *fringes*, or bands of coloured light, whereof that which was contiguous to the shadow was broadest and most luminous; and that which was remotest from it was narrowest, and so faint as not easily to be visible. *Newton's Opt.*
- TO FRINGE.** *v. a.* [from the noun.] To adorn with fringes; to decorate with ornamental appendages.  
Either side of the bank, *fringed* with most beautiful trees, resilled the sun's darts. *Sidney, b. ii.*  
Of silver wings he took a shining pair,  
*Fringed* with gold. *Fairfax, Stan. 14.*  
Here, by the sacred bramble ting'd,  
My petticoat is doubly *fring'd*. *Swift.*
- FRIPPER.** *n. f.* [from *frippier*, French.] One who deals in old things vamped up.  
**FRIPPERY.** *n. f.* [from *frippier*, French; *frippieria*, Italian.] The place where old cloaths are sold.  
Oh, oh, monster, we know what belongs to a *frippery*. *Shakespeare's Tempest.*  
Lurana is a *frippery* of bankrupts, who fly thither from Drina to play their after-game. *Hawel's Vocal Porrejt.*

## FRI

2. Old cloaths; cast dresses; tattered rags.  
Poor poet ape, that would be thought our chief,  
Whose works are e'en the *frillery* of wit;  
From brocade is become so bold a thief,  
As we, the rob'd, leave rage, and pity it. *Ben. Johnson.*  
The fighting-place now seameans rage supply,  
And all the tackling is a *frillery*. *Donne.*  
Ragfair is a place near the Tower of London, where old cloaths and *frillery* are sold. *Notes to Pope's Dunciad.*
- TO FRISK.** *v. n.* [from *frizzare*, Italian.] To leap; to skip.  
Put water into a glass, and wet your finger, and draw it round about the lip of the glass, pressing it somewhat hard; and after drawing it some few times about, it will make the water *frisk* and sprinkle up in a fine dew. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*  
The fish fell a *frisking* in the net. *LeStrange's Fables.*  
Whether every one hath experimented this troublesome intrusion of some *frisking* ideas, which thus importune the understanding, and hinder it from being better employed, I know not. *Locke.*
- TO FRISK.** *v. n.* [from *frisk*.] To dance in frolic or gaiety.  
We are as twinn'd lamb, that did *frisk* i' th' sun,  
And bleat the one at the other: what we chang'd,  
Was innocence for innocence; we knew not  
The doctrine of ill-doing. *Shakespeare's Winter's Tale.*  
About them *frisking* play'd  
All beasts of th' earth. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. iv.*  
A wanton heifer *frisked* up and down in a meadow, at ease and pleasure. *LeStrange.*  
Watch the quick motions of the *frisking* tail,  
Then serve their fury with the rushing male. *Dryd. Virgil.*  
So Bacchus through the conquer'd Indies rode,  
And beafts in gambols *frisk'd* before their honest god. *Dryd.*  
Oft to the mountains airy tops advanc'd,  
The *frisking* satyrs on the summits danc'd. *Addison.*  
Those merry blades,  
That *frisk* it under Pindus' shades. *Prior.*  
Peg faints at the found of an organ, and yet will dance and *frisk* at the noise of a bagpipe. *Arbutnot. Hist. of John Bull.*  
Sly hunters thus, in Borneo's isle,  
To catch a monkey by a wile,  
The mimic animal amuse;  
They place before him gloves and shoes;  
Which when the brute puts awkward on,  
All his agility is gone:  
In vain to *frisk* or climb he tries;  
The huntmen seize the grinning prize: *Swift.*
- FRISK.** *n. f.* [from the verb.] A frolic; a fit of wanton gaiety.  
**FRISKER.** *n. f.* [from *frisk*.] A wanton; one not constant or settled.  
Now I will wear this, and now I will wear that;  
Now I will wear I cannot tell what:  
All new fashions be pleasant to me:  
Now I am a *frisker*, all men on me look;  
What should I do but set cock on the hoop? *Camden.*
- FRISKINESS.** *n. f.* [from *frisk*.] Gaiety; liveliness. A low word.  
**FRISKY.** *adj.* [from *frisque*, French, from *frisk*.] Gay; airy. A low word.  
**FRIT.** *n. f.* [Among chymists.] Ashes or salt baked or fried together with sand. *Dict.*
- FRITH.** *n. f.* [from *frithum*, Latin.] A strait of the sea where the water being confined is rough.  
What desolate madman then would venture o'er  
The *frith*, or haul his cables from the shore? *Dryd. Virg.*  
Batavian fleets  
Defraud us of the glittering finny swarms  
That heave our *friths*, and crowd upon our shores. *Thomson.*
- 2. A kind of net.** I know not whether this sense be now retained.  
The Wear is a *frith*, reaching through the Ose, from the land to low water mark, and having in it a bunt or cod with an eye-hook; where the fish entering, upon their coming back with the ebb, are stopp'd from issuing out again. *Carew.*
- FRITILLARY.** *n. f.* [from *frittillaire*, French.] A plant.  
The flower consists of six leaves, and is of the bell-shaped lily flowers, pendulous, naked, and, for the most part, chequered: the style of the flower becomes an oblong fruit, divided into three cells, and filled with flat seeds, lying in a double row: the root consists of two fleshy knobs, for the most part semi-globular, betwixt which arises the flower-stalk. *Miller.*
- FRITINANCY.** *n. f.* [from *fritinnie*, Latin.] The scream of an insect, as the cricket or cicada.  
The note or *fritinnancy* thereof is far more shrill than that of the locust, and its life short. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
- FRITTER.** *n. f.* [from *fritture*, French.] A small piece cut to be fried.  
Maids, *fritters* and pancakes ynow see ye make;  
Let Slut have one pancake for company sake. *Tuff. Hub.*
- 2. A fragment; a small piece.** *Senle*

## FRG

- Sense and putter! have I lived to stand in the taint of one that makes *fritters* of English! *Shak. Merry Wives of Windsor.*  
If you strike a solid body that is brittle, as glass or sugar, it breaketh not only where the immediate force is, but breaketh all about into shivers and *fritters*; the motion, upon the pressure, searching all ways, and breaking where it findeth the body weakest. *Bacon's Natural History.*
- The ancient errant knights  
Won all their ladies hearts in *fights*;  
And cut whole giants into *fritters*;  
To put them into amorous twitters. *Hudibras, p. iii.*
- 3. A chesscake; a wigg.** *Anfworth.*
- TO FRITTER.** *v. a.* [from the noun.] To cut meat into small pieces to be fried.  
**2. To break into small particles or fragments.**  
Joy to great chaos! let division reign!  
My racks and tortures soon shall drive them hence,  
Break all their nerves, and *fritter* all their sense. *Dunciad.*  
How prologues into prefaces decay,  
And thee to notes are *fritter'd* quite away. *Pope's Dunciad.*
- FRIVOLOUS.** *adj.* [from *frivulus*, Latin; *frivole*, Fr.] Slight; trifling; of no moment.  
It is *frivolous* to say we ought not to use bad ceremonies of the church of Rome, and presume all such had as it pleaseth themselves to dislike. *Hooker, b. iv. f. 4.*  
These seem very *frivolous* and fruitless; for, by the breach of them, little damage can come to the commonwealth. *Spenser.*  
She tam'd the brinded lioness,  
And spotted mountain pard; but let at nought  
The *frivolous* bolt of Cupid. *Milton.*  
Those things which now seem *frivolous* and slight,  
Will be of serious consequence to you,  
When they have made you once ridiculous. *Rescannon.*  
All the impeachments in Greece and Rome seem to have agreed in a notion they had of being concerned, in point of honour, to condemn whatever person they impeached, however *frivolous* the articles, or however weak the surmises, wherein they were to proceed in their proofs. *Swift.*  
I will not defend any mistake, and do not think myself obliged to answer every *frivolous* objection. *Arbutnot.*
- FRIVOLOUSNESS.** *n. f.* [from *frivolous*.] Want of importance; triflingness.  
**FRIVOLOUSLY.** *adv.* [from *frivolous*.] Triflingly; without weight.  
**TO FRIZLE.** *v. a.* [from *friser*, Fr.] To curl in short curls like nap of frieze.  
Th' humble shrub  
And bush, with *friz'd* hair implicit. *Milton's Parad. Lost.*  
They *friz'd* and curled their hair with hot irons. *Hakewill.*  
I doff'd my shoe, and swear  
Therein I spy'd this yellow *friz'd* hair. *Gay's Pastoral.*
- FRIZLER.** *n. f.* [from *frizle*.] One that makes short curls.  
**FRO.** *adv.* [from *fro*, Saxon.]
- 1. Backward; regressively.** It is only used in opposition to the word *to*; to and *fro*, backward and forward.  
The Carthaginians, in all the long Punick war, having spoiled all Spain, rooted out all that were affected to the Romans; and the Romans, having recovered that country, did cut off all that favoured the Carthaginians: so betwixt them both, to and *fro*, there was scarce a native Spaniard left. *Spens.*  
As when a heap of gather'd thorns is cast,  
Now to, now *fro*, before th' autumnal blast,  
Together clung, it rolls around the field. *Pope's Odyssey.*
- 2. It is a contraction of from:** not now used.  
They turn round like grindstones,  
Which they dig out *fro'* the delves,  
For their bairns bread, wives and selves. *Ben. Johnson.*
- FROCK.** *n. f.* [from *froc*, French.]
- 1. A dress; a coat.**  
That monster, custom, is angel yet in this,  
That to the use of actions fair and good,  
He likewise gives a *frock* or livery,  
That aptly is put on. *Shakespeare's Hamlet.*  
Chalybeate temper'd steel, and *frock* of mail  
Adamantine proof. *Milton's Agonistes, l. 129.*
- 2. A kind of close coat for men.** *Dryden.*  
I strip my body of my shepherd's *frock*.  
**3. A kind of gown for children.** *FROC.* *n. f.* [from *froga*, Saxon.]
- 1. A small animal with four feet, living both by land and water, and placed by naturalists among mixed animals, as partaking of beast and fish.** There is likewise a small green frog that perches on trees, said to be venomous.  
Poor Tom, that eats the swimming *frog*, the toad, the tod-pole.  
Aulter is drawn with a pot or urn, pouring forth water, with which shall descend *frogs*. *Peacham on Drawing.*
- 2. The hollow part of the horse's hoof.**  
**FROGBIT.** *n. f.* [from *frog* and *bit*.] An herb. *Anfworth.*  
**FROGFISH.** *n. f.* [from *frog* and *fish*.] A kind of fish. *Anfworth.*  
**FROGGRESS.** *n. f.* [from *frog* and *grass*.] A kind of herb.  
**FROGLTUCE.** *n. f.* [from *frog* and *lettuce*.] A plant.  
**FROISE.** *n. f.* [from the French *froisser*, as the pancake is crisped

## FRO

- or crimped in frying.] A kind of food made by frying bacon inclosed in a pancake.  
**FROLICK.** *adj.* [from *vrolijk*, Dutch.] Gay; full of levity; full of pranks.  
We fairies, that do run  
By the triple Hecate's team,  
From the presence of the sun,  
Following darkness like a dream,  
Now are *frolick*. *Shakespeare's Midsum. Night's Dream.*  
Whether, as some fages sing,  
The *frolick* wind that breathes the Spring,  
Zephyr with Aurora playing,  
As he met her once a Maying;  
There on beds of violets blue,  
And fresh-blown roses wafh'd in dew,  
Fill'd her with thee a daughter fair,  
So buxom, blithe, and debonnaire. *Milton.*  
Who ripe, and *frolick* of his full-grown age,  
Roving the Celtick and Iberian fields,  
At last betakes him to this ominous wood. *Milton.*  
The gay, the *frolick*, and the loud. *Waller.*
- FROLICK.** *n. f.* [from the adjective.] A wild prank; a flight of whim and levity.  
He would be at his *frolick* once again,  
And his pretensions to divinity. *Rescannon.*  
Alcibiades, having been formerly noted for the like *frolicks* and excursions, was immediately accused of this. *Swift.*  
While rain depends, the pensive cat gives o'er  
Her *frolicks*, and pursues her tail no more. *Swift.*
- TO FROLICK.** *v. n.* [from the noun.] To play wild pranks; to play tricks of levity and gaiety.  
Then to her new love let her go,  
And deck her in golden array;  
Be finest at ev'ry fine show,  
And *frolick* it all the long day. *Rowe.*
- FROLICKLY.** *adv.* [from *frolick*.] Gaily; wildly.  
**FROLICKSOME.** *adj.* [from *frolick*.] Full of wild gaiety.  
**FROLICKSOMENESS.** *n. f.* [from *frolicksome*.] Wildness of gaiety; pranks.  
**FROLICKSOMELY.** *adv.* [from *frolicksome*.] With wild gaiety.  
**FROM.** *prep.* [from *fram*, Saxon and Scottish.]
- 1. Away; noting privation.**  
Your slighting Zulema, this very hour  
Will take ten thousand subjects *from* your power. *Dryden.*  
In fetters one the barking porter ty'd,  
And took him trembling *from* his foreign side. *Dryden.*  
Clarissa drew, with tempting grace,  
A two-edg'd weapon *from* the shining case. *Pope.*
- 2. Noting reception.**  
What time would spare *from* steel receives its date. *Pope.*
- 3. Noting procession, descent, or birth.**  
Thus the hard and stubborn race of man  
*From* animated rock and flint began. *Blackmore's Creation.*  
The song began *from* Jove. *Dryden.*  
Succeeding kings rise *from* the happy bed. *Irene.*
- 4. Noting transmission.**  
The messengers *from* our sister and the king. *Shakespeare.*
- 5. Noting abstraction; vacation from.**  
I shall find time  
*From* this enormous state, and seek to give  
Losses their remedies. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*
- 6. With to following; noting succession.**  
These motions we must examine *from* first to last, to find out what was the form of the earth. *Burn. Theo. of the Earth.*  
He bid her *from* time to time be comforted. *Addis. Spectat.*
- 7. Out of; noting emission.**  
When the most high  
Eternal Father, *from* his secret cloud  
Amidst, in thunder utter'd thus his voice. *Milt. Par. Lost.*  
Then pierc'd with pain, she shook her haughty head,  
Sigh'd *from* her inward soul, and thus the said. *Dryd. Æn.*
- 8. Noting progress from premises to inferences.**  
If an objection be not removed, the conclusion of experience *from* the time past to the time present will not be found and perfect.  
This is evident *from* that high and refined morality, which shined forth in some of the ancient heathens. *South's Sermons.*
- 9. Noting the place or person from whom a message is brought.**  
The king is coming, and I must speak with him *from* the bridge.—How now, Fluellen, canst thou *from* the bridge? *Shakespeare's Henry V.*
- 10. Out of; noting extraction.**  
*From* high Meonia's rocky shores I came,  
Of poor descent; Acetes is my name. *Addis. Ovid. Met.*
- 11. Because of. Noting the reason or motive of an act or effect.**  
You are good, but *from* a nobler cause;  
*From* your own knowledge, not *from* nature's laws. *Dryden.*  
David celebrates the glory of God *from* the consideration of the greatness of his works. *Tillotson, Sermon 4.*  
We sicken soon *from* her contagious care;  
Grieve for her sorrows, groan for her despair. *Prior.*  
Relaxations